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In re application of: Au et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for a  
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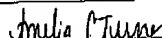
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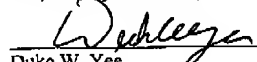
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In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: